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NICREF: BERLINS 1220# TO BONN, 1285 TO DEPT, 99 TO USAFE, LONDON  
PARIS AND MOSCOW UNNUMBERED.REQUEST US CHIEF CONTROLLER BASC IN COORDINATION WITH BRITISH,  
FRENCH WHO WILL HAVE SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS MAKE FOLLOWING REPLY  
TO SOVIET LETTER MAY 25. QUOTE

I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 25.

AS ESTABLISHED BY QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS THE CORRIDORS AND  
 FLIGHTS THEREIN ARE NOT RESTRICTED AS TO ALTITUDE, TYPE OF AIR-  
 CRAFT, OR PURPOSE OF FLIGHT. MOREOVER, FLIGHTS BY AIRCRAFT  
 OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS DO NOT REQUIRE ANY PRIOR AGREEMENT  
 FROM THE SOVIET ELEMENT. AS YOU WILL BE AWARE, THE PRECISE  
 HEIGHT AT WHICH AIRCRAFT FLY IS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
 THE METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING AT THE TIME AND THE  
 OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AIRCRAFT. IN RECENT YEARS  
 FLIGHTS HAVE USUALLY BEEN MADE BETWEEN THE ALTITUDES MENTIONED  
 IN YOUR LETTER BECAUSE THESE ALTITUDES ARE MOST CONVENIENT FOR  
 THE AIRCRAFT CONCERNED. HOWEVER, THIS PRACTICE IN NO WAY AFFECTS  
 THE RIGHT TO FLY AT OTHER ALTITUDES IF REQUIRED BY PRACTICAL  
 CONSIDERATIONS.

THE AMERICAN ELEMENT SHARES THE SOVIET ELEMENT'S CONCERN FOR  
 AIR SAFETY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PRACTICE, US CON-  
 TROLLERS WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE TO NOTIFY THE SOVIET ELEMENT

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OF FLIGHT PLANS AND CHANGES OF FLIGHT PLANS UNDER IFR, AND TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE FOR FLIGHTS UNDER VFR, TO ASSIST THE SOVIET ELEMENT TO CARRY OUT ITS QUADRIPARTITE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE SEPARATION OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT FROM WESTERN FLIGHTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT US AIRCRAFT OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLIGHT PLANS. UNQUOTE

IT WAS AGREED BY THREE EMBASSIES THAT US CONTROLLER ONLY MAKE FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT FOLLOWING PRESENTATION ABOVE LETTER:

QUOTE YOUR CONTROLLERS HAVE MENTIONED THAT BECAUSE OF POOR COMMUNICATIONS, SOVIET ELEMENT HAS DIFFICULTIES WITH RESPECT TO HIGH ALTITUDE FLIGHTS. I AM SURE WE CAN SATISFACTORILY WORK OUT ANY PROBLEM OF THIS NATURE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. UNQUOTE

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